

REMARKS

In light of the remarks to follow, reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 are in this application.

In the Office Action, the Examiner objected to the title because it is not descriptive. The title has been corrected as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by USPN 6,018,363 (Horii).

Independent claim 1 recites in part as follows:

“...spatial phase synchronization means for **synchronizing horizontal and vertical spatial phases** based on output from each line in the image pickup element...” (Emphasis added.)

In explaining the above 102 rejection the Examiner appears to rely on col. 4, lines 24-37 of Horii to teach the spatial phase synchronization means. It is respectfully submitted that such portion as applied by the Examiner (hereinafter “Horii”) does not teach the above-recited feature. That is, Horii appears to teach, a memory, a first color processing section, a first synchronous signal generator, a second synchronous signal generator, and a second color processing section. The first synchronous signal generator appears to generate a signal that may be used to control an image taking device, A/D controller, a memory, and first processing section (see col. 4, lines 26-28) and the second synchronous signal generator appears to generate a signal that may be used to read image data stored in the memory (see col. 4, lines 44-46). Neither the first nor the second synchronous signal generator appears to synchronize horizontal and vertical

spatial phases as in independent claim 1. Accordingly, independent claim 1 is believed to be distinguishable from Horii.

For reasons similar to those described above with regard to claim 1, independent claim 6 is believed to be distinguishable from Horii.

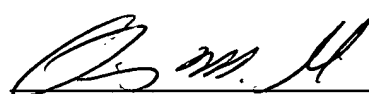
Claims 2-5 and 7-10 depend from one of claims 1 and 6, and, due to such dependency, are believed to be distinguishable from Horii for at least the reasons previously described.

In the event, that the Examiner disagrees with any of the foregoing comments concerning the disclosures in the cited prior art, it is requested that the Examiner indicate where, in the reference, there is the basis for a contrary view.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable over the prior art, and early and favorable consideration thereof is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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